

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and following remarks are submitted to address the issues raised in the Office Action mailed March 27, 2006. Claims 35-63 are currently pending in the application, claims 1-34 having been cancelled, claim 48 having been withdrawn, and claims 53-63 having been added by the foregoing amendments. Claims 42, 47, and 50 stand objected to based on informalities. Claim 41 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter for which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 35-47 and 49-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weih et al. (U.S. 5,200,459; U.S. 5,300,555; or U.S. 5,496,884).

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Election/Restrictions

The Examiner indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- a) wherein the aromatic nitroso compound is consistent with claims 46 and 47.
- b) wherein the aromatic nitroso compound is consistent with claim 48.

Currently claim 45 is generic.

Applicant has elected species a) including claims 35-47 and 49-52 for further prosecution with traverse that it would not be unduly burdensome to search and examine all species.

Claims 42, 47, and 50 – Objections based on informalities

The objection to claims 42, 47, and 50 based on informalities is believed to be rendered moot by the foregoing amendments.

Claim 42 has been amended to correct the spelling of “dispersion”.

Claim 47 has been amended to correct the spelling of "selected".

Claim 50 has been amended to insert labels "(a)" and "(b)" so as to be consistent with the labels "(c)" and "(d)".

Claim 41 – 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The rejection of claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter for which applicant regards as the invention, is believed to be rendered moot by the foregoing amendments.

Claim 41 has been amended to recite the basis for the dichlorobutadiene.

Claims 35-47 and 49-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The rejection of claims 35-47 and 49-52 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Weih et al. (U.S. 5,200,459; U.S. 5,300,555; or U.S. 5,496,884) is believed to be rendered moot by the foregoing amendments.

Claim 35 has been amended to include the limitation "wherein said aqueous adhesive composition is absent a volatile organic cosolvent". Support for this limitation may be found in the Specification at paragraph [0010] – [0011] and [0012] lines 1-5. As stated therein, one feature and advantage of the invention as claimed in claim 35 (amended) is the absence of volatile organic compounds, particularly volatile organic cosolvents, in the latex.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Weih et al. references all require the addition of an organic cosolvent, particularly polyvinyl alcohol. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims and reversal of the rejection in light of these amendments.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully requests early consideration of the present application, entry of all amendments herein requested, and allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to contact Todd W. Galinski at (919) 468-5979 ex6204, to discuss any matter relating to this application.

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